

ADMIRAL FRANK KELSO II RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE HONOR AT NAVAL ACADEMY

### HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2008*

Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, watching over the air and sea while providing exemplary support for our land based services, the United States Navy has a service record that history has looked favorably upon from the Revolutionary War through the Battle of Midway to their present day services around the globe.

One alumni of this cherished brotherhood, Admiral Frank Kelso II, a man who dedicated his life to service of his country, was recently bestowed with the 2008 Distinguished Graduate Award during the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association's annual ceremonies in Annapolis, Maryland.

With a Naval career as long as it is distinguished, Admiral Kelso, born in Lincoln County, Tennessee, steadily rose through the ranks following his graduation from the Naval Academy in 1956.

Serving various tours on *Balao*, *Skipjack*, *Permit*, and *LaFayette* class submarines and attending the Navy's Submarine School, Admiral Kelso was promoted to Commanding Officer of the Naval Nuclear Power School, USS *Finback* and USS *Bluefish*.

In subsequent tours, the Admiral served as Executive Assistant to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Command and the U.S. Atlantic Fleet and Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic. He was then assigned to reestablish and command Submarine Squadron Seven.

In 1980 he was selected as Rear Admiral, where his Pentagon assignments included Director, Strategic Submarine Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, and Director, Office of Program Appraisal, Office of the Secretary of the Navy.

By 1985 Admiral Kelso was commanding the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean Sea and NATO Naval Striking Force and Support Forces Southern Europe. During this time the Admiral led successful operations against Libya.

Earning his fourth star, Kelso was promoted to Admiral in 1986, shortly before assuming the duties of Commander, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Admiral Kelso later became NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic and Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Command.

Admiral Kelso's naval career reached its high point when he was named the 24th Chief of Naval Operations in 1990, making him the first Tennessean to hold that position. He served as CNO for nearly four years.

Beyond serving in a high ranking military position in the U.S. government and the numerous medals he has earned, Admiral Kelso has remained humble and grounded—saying his greatest accomplishments are his children and grandchildren. As a father of three and grandfather to five, I can say family is the driving force in life and is to be cherished as described by the Admiral.

We are proud to have Admiral and Mrs. Kelso as native residents of the 4th District and wish them the best.

HONORING QUINN CHAPEL

### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Quinn Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church on celebrating 133 years of worship and outreach in Flint, Michigan. On Friday, May 30th the congregation of Quinn Chapel recognized this milestone at a special anniversary program.

Quinn Chapel AME Church has a long tradition in Flint. This tradition began in the home of Mrs. Nancy West, where in 1875 she first opened her doors for prayer services. Quinn Chapel reached out to the community, becoming a positive influence on families looking for opportunity in the early days of Michigan.

As Flint grew, so did Quinn Chapel. In 1877 the congregation moved from Mrs. West's home and into a new location on Seventh Street. A decision was made in 1912 to build a new sanctuary and the brick structure was dedicated in 1922. The music program gained national recognition and the Senior Choir took first place in a national music contest during the 1940s.

When the City of Flint decided to build the municipal center in 1955, Quinn Chapel had to relocate again. The first Church service was held in the new structure on Lippincott Boulevard on December 25, 1960. Bishop Joseph Gomez formally dedicated this sanctuary in 1961.

Designated a Historical Site by the State of Michigan, Quinn Chapel AME Church has fulfilled their African Methodist Episcopal motto, "God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, Man Our Brother." Under the leadership of their Pastor, Reverend Stanley U. Sims, the congregation continues to provide the residents of Flint with a place to worship in a faith filled community.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding this community for their dedication to Christian life. For 133 years Quinn Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church has led services for its members and provided a foundation for the spiritual lives of many in Flint. I pray they will continue their blessed work for many, many years to come.

IN HONOR OF BARBARA MCCARTY

### HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, it is with sadness that I rise in honor of Barbara McCarty, who passed away late last month in Hawaii.

Barbara's life was an American success story. She immigrated to the United States from England, became an American citizen, graduated from Sacramento State University and later earned a law degree. Through all of this, she raised 4 remarkable children as a single mother.

For the better part of the last 3 decades Barbara practiced law in Sacramento, primarily

focusing on workers compensation cases. In 1992, she and a colleague staked out on their own and started a law practice. In addition to being a fine lawyer and wonderful mother, Barbara was a vibrant community leader. She was always active with women's causes and was engaged in many civic endeavors, even after she retired in Hawaii.

Barbara is survived by her children: Laura LaMarre; Kevin McCarty; Christopher McCarty; Trevor Nielsen; and her sister, Anne Gash. She also leaves behind 7 grandchildren and countless friends in Sacramento and Hawaii.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in paying honor to Barbara McCarty for her exemplary service to those of us in Sacramento and across the Nation. Her life and legacy—as a mother and advocate—will be an inspiration to us all. I ask that we take a moment and extend our utmost respect and condolences to her family.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF ANNE STARR

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Anne Starr, and in recognition of her dedication to her family, her country and her community.

Mrs. Starr was born in California, Pennsylvania and moved to the Cleveland area in the early 1920s. Both she and her husband, William, were active in the veterans community in the greater Cleveland area. By setting an example of leadership and civic participation, they taught their children the importance of community involvement. Her son, Gary Starr, learned that lesson well, and has served as mayor of Middleburg Heights since 1981. It was through Mrs. Starr's orchestrations that Gary got an early taste for politics. A lifelong "Roosevelt Democrat," Mrs. Starr arranged for her son Gary to get credentials at the Republican National Convention in Miami in 1968 when Gary was 17 years old and visiting extended family in Florida. Through that experience, Gary met all the national news anchors of the day and formed a lifelong interest in politics himself. Later, Anne was active in all of Mayor Gary Starr's election campaigns.

Mrs. Starr belonged to the Lions Club and to the Women's Auxiliary of American Legion Post 703 in Parma and Middleburg Heights. She was a founding member of the Middleburg Heights Veterans Memorial, which stands in front of the Middleburg Heights community center. In 2004, I, along with the Cuyahoga County Commissioners, U.S. Senator GEORGE VOINOVICH, Ohio State Senators Dan Brady and Doug White, and Ohio Representative Timothy DeGeeter, recognized Mrs. Starr for her outstanding service and leadership in founding the Memorial. She sold many of the bricks that comprise the Memorial, with each brick displaying the name of a local veteran. Mrs. Starr was also recognized by the Middleburg Heights Chamber of Commerce during the city's annual Salute to the City Celebration for her significant contributions to the community of Middleburg Heights.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in celebrating the life of Anne Starr, who